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Dear Mr. Newman,

As an SSVEC rate-payer for 18 years, I feel I am in good standing to comment on the proposed 69kV line. I've written letters to the Arizona Daily Star and spoken to many of my neighbors. I have not attended public meetings because the opposition forces are so domineering, I don't want to subject myself to their harrasment. After the first of my letters appeared in the Star, I received harrasing phone calls and someone looked me up on an Internet "find people" site. Many of the people who went to that meeting a year ago in Phoenix were not even SSVEC customers. Personally, the outages and "brownouts" have created havoc in my life. I am a customer of Sonoita Valley Water (another sore subject) and when the power goes out, even for a few seconds, it shuts off the pump. Sometimes the pump comes back on; sometimes it doesn't. If it doesn't, within a day or so, I will run out of water. Most of my neighbors have spent \$2500-plus on storage tanks so they don't run out of water and no one knows the pump is off until I call it in. I can't afford to put in a tank or drill my own well. In brownouts, the pump burns out and has to be replaced. The water company claims to have spent \$300,000 in the past four years on "maintenance." Replacing pumps and the labor and travel costs that go along with that have to be part of that outlay. Why doesn't Sonoita Valley Water install a monitor so staff in Tucson will know when the pump goes out? Like I say, sore subject! I've lost two computers to brownouts. The second time it cost me a job scoring high school exams (like AIMS) for the state of Delaware because there wasn't time to get a new computer and get it certified by Pearson, Inc. (the company contracted to score the tests). That's was income out of my pocket directly as a result of low voltage.

That's my story and similar stories are repeated all over the service area.

PLEASE let this project go forward and quit wasting OUR money because of a few people on the fringe. And by the way, my neighbors and I have a hard time figuring out what all this "environmental" damage might be in this "pristine" area. How is a power line going to hurt either the land or the wildlife, except for a brief time during construction? I think the environmental damage they fear would be increased home building - and now that they' have their homes (those who actually live here), they want no more neighbors to clutter up the landscape. I got news for them. I grew up in the Rincon Mountains. I remember visiting here in the 1930s and 1940s when it WAS pristine. Most of these protesters moved here within the past 10 years and almost the first thing they did was mow every inch of their 10, 20 or 30 acres, thus destroying what biodiversity there was before they arrived. I think the other environmental impact they worry about is their view obstruction, and that's hardly an "environmental" issue.

Please let us have a reliable power supply, Mr. Newman.

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